Configuring for Availability WebSphere V5 for z/OS



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Abstract:

Setting up WebSphere Application Servers on z/OS for maximum availability is a challenging task and critical to the success of your business goals. This presentation addresses the key design points for configuring your "runtime" and application servers for maximum availability. Topics will include network, system, and server design points, as well as failure and recovery considerations with Version 5 of WebSphere Application Server on z/OS.

The attendees should be familiar with the runtime components and system structure and installation process for WebSphere for z/OS.

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Topics

- WebSphere Configuration Options
 - ► System Structure Clustered Servers
- System & Network Topologies
 - ► Always accessing the servers Communications Routing
- No Single Point of Failure Avoiding outages
 - ▶ Component Analysis
- Systems Managment Preventing outages
 - ► Naming Standards & Coordinating Support
- Recovery Scenarios Minimizing downtime
 - ► Operations, Recovery & Backup
- References

WebSphere V5 Configurations



- Base Application Server (Simple stand-alone Cell on a single system)
 - ▶ Daemon
 - ► Application Server
 - Controller Region
 - Servant Regions (1 or more per WLM)

Recommended for testing

Network Deployment (ND) Configuration

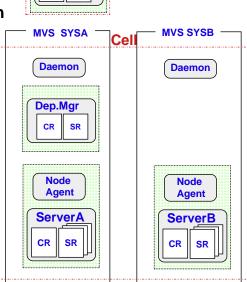
(Single or multi-system Cell)

- ► Daemon (1 per system)
- ► Deployment Manager (1 per cell)
 - Controller & Servant Region
- ► Node (1 or more per system) (Recommend 1 AppNode/system/cell)
 - Node Agent (1 per node per cell)
 - Application Server (1 or more per node)
 - Controller Region (1 per)
 - Servant Regions (1 or more)

Recommended for Production Servers

WebSphere is deeply integrated into most z/OS components (RRS, TCP/IP, WLM, SAF)

- Understand how they interact.



Daemon

ServerA

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Server Clustering



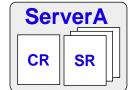
■ WAS for z/OS implements two layers of clustering

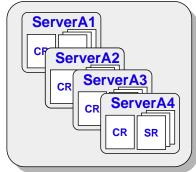
► Inner cluster - Cluster Member

- 1 or more servant address spaces associated with a control region
- Isolated for availability & performance
- Multiple servants provide higher availability during GC
- Have identical runtime settings
- Confined to a single z/OS system

► Outer Cluster - Cluster

- 2 or more server instances of a server.
- All servers have the same applications
- -May have different runtime settings
- May exist on multiple z/OS systems.





▶ Cell consists of 1 or more of these clusters.

-Confined to one Parallel Sysplex

Configure Servers for Availability



Availability through replication & isolation

- Multiple Cluster Members
 - ► Spread over multiple z/OS images
- Multiple systems
 - ► Spread over multiple hardware processors
- Separate Test and Production
 - ► In different cells

■ Multiple Server Address Spaces

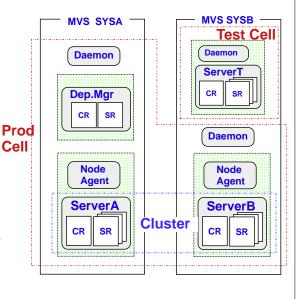
- ► Allows server re-cycling
- ► May specify max. & min. # of AddrSpaces
 - –V5: "Server Instance" setting

■ Robust TCP IP infrastructure

- ► Need Generic access to server(s)
 - Sysplex distributor and VIPA
 - Network Dispatcher and replicated web-tier

Multiple Threads in the Server Region

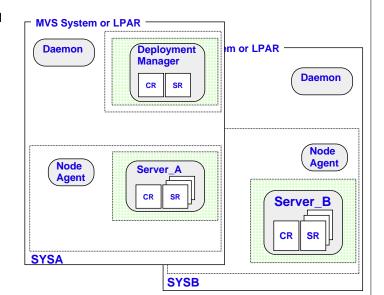
- ► (if thread-safe) for Performance Goals
 - ORB service > Advanced Settings: Workload profile



Single Points of Failure?



- WebSphere System Elements
 - ▶ Deployment Manager required for administration (changes, updates to servers, apps)
 − Can be moved to another system*
 - ► Node Agent required for administration, finding, and resolving servers (IIOP)
 - ► Daemon location service agent required by all servers
- Application Servers
 - ► Controller regions use ARM
 - ► Servants WLM restarts
- Infrastructure
 - ►HFS
 - ►TCP/IP
 - ▶RRS
 - **▶**JES
 - **►**RACF
 - **►**OMVS
 - ►etc.
- Hardware
 - ► Processor
 - **▶** DASD
 - ► CF
 - ▶OSA Adapters
 - ► Network Connections



Configure for Application Availability

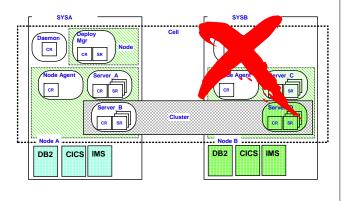


Application availability based on sysplex availability principles.

- First Principle "One" is a lonely number
- Second Principle "Two" entities with failure isolation is the minimum for availability
- Plan for graceful recovery following a single failure.
- Plan for a less graceful recovery in the event of a double failure

Application availability is dependent upon:

- Sysplex componentry
 - -SYSPLEX distributor, data sharing, etc.
- Non-sysplex components
 - Edge servers, DNSs, routers, etc.
- Configuration changes
 - Service upgrades, etc.
- Operational procedures
 - -Backups, etc.



HFS - Shared vs. Unshared











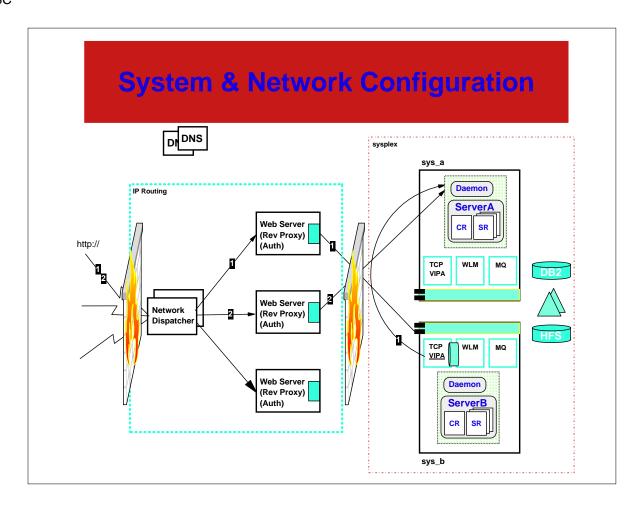
Un-Shared Advantages

- Loss of a single HFS does not affect the entire cell.
 - ► Eliminate single point of failure
- Allows more 'DASD' space for each node in a simple manner
 - ► Each node can have a volume
- Better performance
 - ► Using system is the owning system.

Shared HFS Advantages

- Less parts to backup
 - ► Should back up all node HFSs
 - DMGR is still the one that counts, it is the master copy
- Less PROCs in PROCLIB
- Fewer copies of applications and configuration data
 - Configuration data must be accessible on a X-System restart.

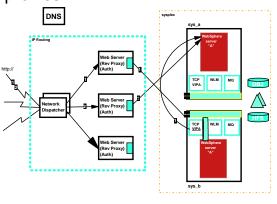
Unshared HFS Config. Example SYSA SYSB Each Node will have its own configuration Key is the configuration HFS mount point. Application Server Nodes: 1. Use a mount point with a system name imbeded. Hand modify the generated procs Cluster **Deployment Manager Node** Do not make mount point system specific. Node 2. Use procs as generated /wasv5config/azcell/dmgr Mount points /wasv5config/azcell/SYSB /wasv5config/azcell/SYSA Node specific DMGR NodeA NodeB configuration HFS **HFS** HFS HFS OMVS.AZCELL.DMGR.HFS' 'OMVS.AZCELL.NODEB.HFS' Node specific HFS file names 'OMVS.AZCELL.NODEA.HFS'



Network & System Topology



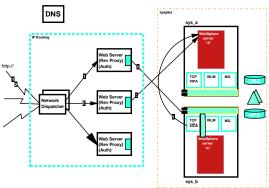
- Ensure clients can always get to your servers
 - ► Eliminate single points of failure:
 - Multiple Systems
 - Multiple Server Instances
 - Replicated Domain Name Server (DNS)
 - Use generic IP names for Daemon hostname resolution
 - Multiple TCP/IP stacks?
 - Parallel Web Servers/reverse proxies



Network & System Topology



Ensure clients can always get to the right server



► Intelligent Routing:

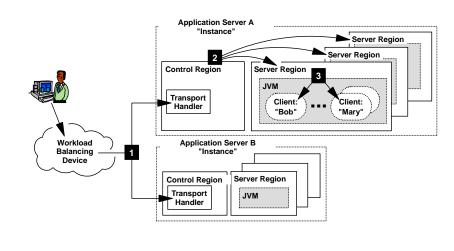
- -WLM-aware vs. Round-Robin
- Session Affinity within Server Instance and across Server Instances (Systems)
- Network Dispatcher (MNLB) load balances
- IHS or Web Server with WAS AE plug-in (rev-proxy)
- Edge Server (no session affinity support)
- Sysplex Distributer good for TCP/IP load balancing (does not yet have session affinity)

Planning for Session Affinity



Three issues related to servlets maintaining state data:

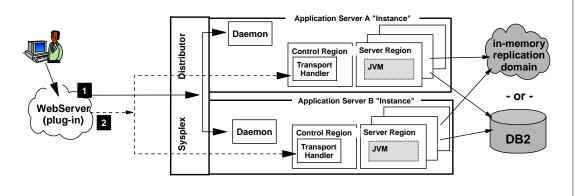
- 1. <u>Server Instance Affinity</u> -- the ability to route to the right server instance. (i.e., proper control region).
- Server Region Affinity -- once in a control region, the ability to route to the right server region in which the state data resides.
- 3. <u>Session Object Identification</u> -- once inside a server region (JVM), the ability to relate the request to the proper state data "object."
- See WP100316 "Understanding HTTP Session Management" on Techdocs



Managing HTTP Sessions



- Maintaining Session Objects
 - ► Memory-to-memory replication
 - Peer-to-peer with local or remote replicator(s)
 - Client/server with remote or isolated replicators
 - ► Database Persistence (DB2)
 - -Configure DB2 tables, schema
- Availability & Performance qualities are similar
 - ▶ Depend on many configuration and tuning options . . .
- See WAS 5.1 "Applications" PDF Managing HTTP Sessions



Systems Management

Keys to Managing WAS Environment

- Robust and strongly enforced naming convention
 Server names, userids, resources, procs, file names, etc.
- Strong linkage between Operations, Systems support and Applications for rapid problem resolution
- Serialize control of the WAS administrative functions
- Documented and tested procedures to: test/deploy/backout application changes
- Integrate WAS into the business recovery plan.

Steps for better Systems Management



1. Understand Configuration Options & Customization Process

"Introduction to WAS V5 for z/OS" WP100339

- ► Use the ISPF Installation Dialogs Effectively
 - Start with a base application server before tackling ND
 - "Using the WebSphere for z/OS V5 Customization Dialogues" TD101073
 - "Ten Steps for an Easy Installation to WAS V5 for z/OS" TD101075

2. Design your Target Configuration

- ► Single vs. Multi-System; Dedicated Cells, Nodes, Servers
- ► Network and Web Tier redundancy & Resiliency

3. Simplify your Environment:

- ▶ Server, Node, and Cell Names
- ► Proclib Definitions 3 procs per cell
- ►WLM Definitions Dynamic Appl Env's
 - "Classifying Transactions in WebSphere for z/OS V5" TD101151 & TD101152
- ► Simplify your RACF Definitions use AUTOUID
 - "RACF Tips for customizing WebSphere for z/OS Ver.5" TD101118
- Organize your Port Usage

See Techdocs article WP100367

"WSC Sample WebSphere ND configuration on z/OS"

Naming Standards



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DMGR

DEMN

Need Good Naming Standards for better management

- ► Template example for STC Job Names:
 - First 2 characters indicate a WebSphere "Cell" identifier (e.g., 'AZ')
 - Next 4 chars indicate server type:
 - Application Server (SR+ 01 ZZ id),
 - Node Agent (NAGT),
 - Daemon (DEMN),
 - Deployment Manager (DMGR)
 - Next char for System identifier (s#)
- Daemon
 - -Servant regions have an "S" on the end
- ▶ Organize your Port assignments
 - -set asside a range of 100 ports for each cell:
 - Each port type has the same last digit:

Port Type	daemons	Deploymnt Manager	Node Agents	Clustered servers
JMX		xx10	xx20	xx40
DRS		xx11	xx21	xx41
Bootstrap		xx12	xx22	xx42
ORB IIOP	xx00	xx12	xx22	xx42
ORB SSL	xx01	xx13	xx23	xx43
Discovery		xx14	xx24	
Multi-cast			xx25	
HTTP		xx18		xx48
HTTP SSL		xx19		xx49

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Char. Position: 1-2

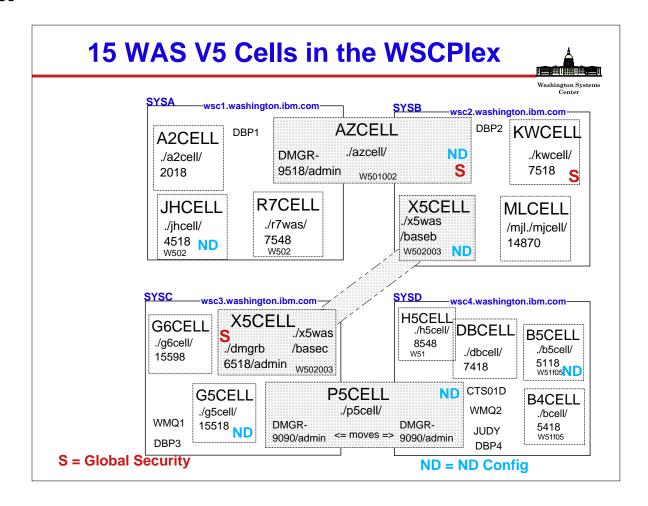
App.Server

Node Agent

Dep. Manager

See Techdocs article WP100367

"WSC Sample WebSphere ND Configuration on z/OS"



Recovery from Planned & Unplanned Outages

(You need to understand the recovery scenarios to design for availability.)

Rolling WebSphere Maintenance



- Setup Version-specific MVS Dataset names & HFS structures
- Apply maintenance to a "master" set of libraries
 - ▶ DFDSS dump target datasets to an 'unload' dataset
 - ► FTP to target system(s)
- On each target WebSphere system:
 - ► Stop all WebSphere servers
 - ► Unmount WebSphere HFS (/\$SYSNAME/WebSphere)
 - ▶ Logically Restore dumped datasets to WAS502.&SYSNAME..SBBO*
 - IEBCOPY members of SBBOLD2 & -MIG PDSEs
 - ► Remount updated HFS
 - ► Refresh LLA
 - ▶ Delete and Add back all WebSphere LPA modules (SETPROG commands)
 - ► Restart WebSphere Servers
 - ► Perform any ++HOLD actions
 - ► Re-run IVPs
- See "Migrating WebSphere for z/OS Maintenance"
 - ► Techdocs at http://www.ibm.com/support/techdocs TD100750
- See "Planning for Test, Production & Maintenance" WP100396

Migrating to WAS V. 5.1



- Cannot just update the WAS libraries and restart your servers!
- Use ISPF dialog & migration jobs to make a V5.1 copy of your configuration.
 - ► WAS 5.1 must be at least at W510004
 - ➤ Migrate 1 node at a time (migrate Deployment Manager 1st)
- See Techdocs paper WP100441 -- (included in InfoCenter)
 - ► Inventory your WAS V5.0.x configuration and plan your strategy.
- General flow:
 - 1. Copy & tailor new migration jobs BBOXMIG1 -- BBOXMIG4.
 - Use ISPF dialog to create skeleton CNTL/DATA members.
 - 3. Stop the node (servers & node agent.)
 - 4. Run BBOXMIG1 w/ mode=0 to force Peer Recovery (PRR) mode.
 - 5. Restart server(s) to clear transaction logs. (Servers stop automatically.)
 - 6. Run BBOXMIG1 w/ mode=1 to restore V5.0.x configuration.
 - 7. Run BBOXMIG2 & BBOXMIG3
 - (deployment manager must be up for AppServer node migration)
 - 8. Customize BBOXMIG4 and run to modify JCL procs.
 - 9. Restart node agent, deployment manager, servers.
- Repeat steps 1 9 for each node.

Plan for System Recovery



Goal: Minimize application disruption & down time Recovery following the failure of SYSx requires

- Releasing of locked resources
- Resumption of service

Recovery involves:

- Restarting resource managers (IMS, CICS, DB2) on a surviving system (SYSA).
- RestartingApp. Servers on the SAME system as the resource managers on a system where there is an active node belonging to the cell (SYSA).
- Use normal parallel sysplex recovery techniques

SYSA SYSB Cell Grant Rever A Con Branch Node B DB2 CCCS IMS

Options for restarting the failed components

- ARM (Automatic Restart Manager)
 - Define the restart group, start-up sequence and target image in the ARM Policy
 - Happens 'automatically' in event of system failure
 - -Uses original system's symbol table for ARM restarted components
 - Applies to Control Regions NOT Servant Regions
- Other External Automation
 - Automation must understand the restart group, start-up sequence and target system requirements.
 - Uses the target system's symbol table for restarted components.

Configure for System Recovery



Control Region and Servant Restart:

- Files referenced in the JCL must resolve on the target system
 - Can't allow locate failure or dataset not found
- Symlinks in the HFS must resolve correctly
 - Symlinks for <cell>.<node>.<server> are absolute links from root of file system.

SYSA Center SYSB D82 CENTER SYSB SYSB

Control Region only restart required

When using only RRS enabled resource manager

Control Region and Servant Region restart required

- When using an XA compliant resource adaptaor
 - Transaction log file must be accessible on recovery system TRANLOG_ROOT environment variable
 - Drivers must be available on the recovery system.

Restart of the Server is to take care of indoubt only

- Inflight work handled by resource manager presumed abort
- Restarted server will not process newly arriving work
- Server should be terminated after recovery of indoubt work
 - Restart not necessary if there is no indoubt work.

Moving DMgr to another System



- Define Deployment manager with a "generic" hostname
 - ► Use host name of the Sysplex Distributor (SD)
 - ► Configure the SD to distribute all ports assigned to the deployment manager:
 - http(s), iiop(s), cell discovery, SOAP connector and DRS client
 - ► Access the dmgr using the SD's hostname, not the host it is running on.
- Install APAR to allow DMGR to start on a different node
 - ► Interim workaround is to change **SYSA** to **SYSB** in dmgr config files prior to recovery of dmgr node.
 - -was.env: server configured system name=SYSA
- Make certain the daemon is active on SYSB
 - ▶ Deployment manager's daemon will not start on SYSB
- Make certain the dmgr's config HFS is mounted on SYSB
 - ▶ The JCL symbolics must resolve correctly
- Start the deployment manager on SYSB

START X5DCR, JOBNAME=X5DMGR, ENV=X5CELL.X5DM.X5DMGR

Backup/Recovery of WebSphere Data



- There are Three Sets of data:
 - ► WebSphere for z/OS Distribution Libraries & HFS files
 - WAS390.WAS.SBBOxxx & /usr/lpp/zWebSphere/xxx



- ► WebSphere Configuration, Application Data, & Executables
 - HFS: /WebSphere390/W5Cell/xxx



- ► Application Data
 - DB2, HFS, VSAM, etc.



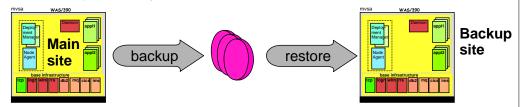
Synchronize your backups/recovery with changes!

Use PAX or DFDSS to back up your HFSes

Back-up for Disaster Recovery



- Some approaches & considerations:
 - ► Use identical WAS set-up
 - -Cell, Node, Server, Cluster names, Logger, RACF defs, etc.
 - ► Arrange for identical TCP/IP configuration
 - endpoints, http transports, virtual hosts, jms server (otherwise you need to make changes for dmgr, nodeagents, appservers)
 - ► Use same System, Sysplex names
 - -(otherwise, you must change many xml files & re-run wsc2n.sh utility)
 - ► Use DFDSS to copy & unload SMP/E data sets
 - Refresh every time you apply service.
 - ▶ Copy WAS Config HFS frequently & send to back-up site
 - (every time you update your configuration, a server or application)
 - Use backupConfig & restoreConfig utilities
 - ► Test it before you need it
 - Re-Test periodically

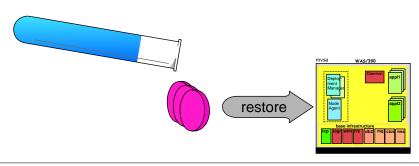


A Freeze-Dried WAS



- just add water (& a few parms)
- What if you could just un-pax a file and run a job to configure it to your environment?

Details to follow . . .



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 - 2. System Administration
 - 3. Applications
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 - 5. Resources
 - 6. Security
 - 7. Environment
 - 8. Performance Tuning & Monitoring
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- WP100387 WLM Classification of Message Driven Bean Enclaves in WebSphere for zOS
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- TD101116 How to manage operator message routing in WebSphere for z/OS V5
- TD101118 RACF Tips for customizing WebSphere for z/OS Ver.5
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- ► WebSphere for z/OS Problem Determination SG24-6880
- ► Migrating Applications to WebSphere for z/OS V5 SG24-7044
- Monitoring WebSphere Application Performance on z/OS -SG24-6825
- ► z/OS WebSphere Application Server V5 and J2EE 1.3 Security Handbook SG246086
- ➤ WebSphere Application Server V5 System Management & Configuration SG24-6195 (Distributed platforms)
- ➤ Communications Server for z/OS V1R2 TCP/IP Implementation Guide Volume 5: Availability, Scalability, and Performance, SG24-6517



Education (US) - WebSphere V5 for z/OS



- ES685 "WAS V5 Implementation Workshop"
 - ► (4.5 days)
- ES690 "WebSphere for z/OS Version 5 Update"
 - ► (2.0 days)
- OZ850 "Maximizing WebSphere for z/OS Performance"
 - ► (4.5 days)

Wildfire Workshops:

- WBSR5 WebSphere V5 for z/OS Workshop "Gen 5"(3 days)
- WSW05 "Security Workshop: WAS V5 for z/OS"
 - ► (2.5 days)
- WBIZ5 "WBISF Install and Cust'n: WAS V5.1 for z/OS"
 - ► (2.5 days)